

Dear Waterfowl Hunter,

In recent years the DNR Wildlife Division has discontinued the opening weekend "reserved hunt" at many of the waterfowl management areas across the state. Some areas were discontinued due to lack of demand by hunters. Pre-registration was discontinued at other areas due to lower Great Lakes water levels and an inability to predict the number of hunting sites that would be available in early October. Reservations are no longer required at Allegan, Nayanquing Point, Wigwam Bay, Crow Island, St. John's Marsh., Pointe Mouillee, and Maple River wildlife areas. Reports from area managers and from hunters have been generally positive and advantages and disadvantages to the reserved hunt have been documented.

In 2002, only Fish Point, Harsens Island, and Shiawassee state wildlife areas, and Shiawassee federal refuge, will be included in the special drawing and pre-registered hunt system. Hunters should be aware that in 2003, these four areas may not require pre-registration. Hunters would still be required to participate in the daily drawing (am and pm for state areas) at the local check stations, but preseason application would not be required.

The Wildlife Division welcomes your input on this potential change. If you would like to express your thoughts on discontinuing the opening weekend reserved hunt, please write to: Waterfowl Hunting Reservations, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944.

2002 Waterfowl Reserved Hunt Application Guide

Application Period August 1- 28, 2002
Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Important Changes for 2002

No preregistered hunts for Maple River or Wigwam Bay in 2002.

Only daily use permits (NO ANNUALS) will be available for purchase at DNR check stations. Please make plans to purchase annual use permits before your hunt

See back cover for information about 2003

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Application Information

To apply, you will need either a valid Michigan Driver License, Michigan DNR Sportcard (issued for \$1 by any license agent) or a state of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State).

You must be at least 12 years old by the date of your hunt.

Apply at any authorized license dealer or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

You may apply only once.

You must pay a \$4 nonrefundable fee at the time of application.

Worksheet

License Reserved Waterfowl Hunting Application
 Birth Date ____/____/____
 Customer ID MI Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card
 or DNR Sportcard
 Item Number 136 (Reserved Waterfowl Application)
 Hunt Number One ____ (first choice) - see list at right
 Hunter Number Two ____ (second choice)

You will receive a receipt of your application information from the license agent. It is important that you carefully review the receipt to ensure your information was properly entered. Failure to verify information could result in disqualification from the drawing. Retain your receipt as proof of application.

Drawing results will be available September 18, 2002 on the Internet at www.michigan.gov/dnr

E-License applicants must check results online. Other applicants, whether successful or not will be notified by mail if there is a valid mailing address. If you do not receive notification, check results on the DNR Web site shown above.

Successful applicants must be accompanied by 1 or 2 other licensed hunters to participate in a hunt (except as noted in 2002 Waterfowl Reserved Hunt Choices Table on next page). By the day of the hunt, permit holders must have purchased a junior, senior, or regular small game license. Everyone 16 years of age or older also must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp and a Michigan Waterfowl Hunting License to use their permit. Goose hunters at the Shiawassee Federal Goose Area (National Wildlife Refuge) also will be charged a \$4 daily fee. All waterfowl hunters participating in a waterfowl reserved hunt at Fish Point, Harsens Island, and Shiawassee River State Game and Wildlife Areas must purchase a \$4 daily or \$13 seasonal use permit (seasonal permit not available for federal goose hunts), in addition to all other required licenses, to use their waterfowl reserved hunt permit. These daily and seasonal permits will be available from any license agent. **Hunters are urged to purchase their daily or seasonal use permits from a license agent in advance of their reserved hunt to avoid delays at the check stations. Annual use permits will NOT be available at the check stations.**

2002 Waterfowl Reserved Hunt Choices

Hunt No.	Place	Hunt Date ^b	Hunt Hours	Hunts Available ^c
01	Fish Point ^a	Opening Day	AM	45
02	Fish Point ^a	Opening Day	PM Youth ^d	45
03	Fish Point ^a	Second Day	AM	45
04	Fish Point ^a	Second Day	PM	45
05	Harsens Island ^a	Opening Day	AM	45
06	Harsens Island ^a	Opening Day	PM Youth ^d	45
07	Harsens Island ^a	Second Day	AM	45
08	Harsens Island ^a	Second Day	PM	45
09	Shiawassee Fed Goose	Opening Day	AM	30
10	Shiawassee Fed Goose	Second Day	AM	30
11	Shiawassee River SGA ^a	Opening day	AM	65
12	Shiawassee River SGA ^a	Opening day	PM Youth ^d	65
13	Shiawassee River SGA ^a	Second Day	AM	65
14	Shiawassee River SGA ^a	Second Day	PM	65

^a Successful applicants for Fish Point, Harsens Island and Shiawassee River SGA must be accompanied by one to three other licensed hunters. **Maximum party size is four hunters, but no more than two adults per party during youth hunts.** Maximum party for Shiawassee Federal Goose Area is three persons.

^b See the 2002-2003 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide (available Sept. 1) or your notification card for final dates. No changes or cash refunds are permitted.

^c Number of hunts in 2002 is subject to change.

^d **For reserved PM youth hunts anyone may apply.** However, on the day of the hunt, the hunting parties must have at least one youth 12-16 years of age possessing appropriate licenses and stamps and one or two parents, legal guardians or other persons authorized by the parent of guardian who is 17 years of age or older.

A National Youth Waterfowl Hunt for properly licensed youths, 12-15 years, may be authorized by federal authorities in mid-September. If held, youths will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 17 years or older designated by their parent or guardian. See the 2002-2003 Waterfowl Hunting Guide (available September 1) or the DNR Web site (www.michigan.gov/dnr) for further information.

Non-reserved youth hunts:

Area	Hunt	Dates
Allegan ^e		Nov. 2 AM and PM
Harsens Island		Nov. 8 PM
Muskegon Wastewater		Nov. 2 AM and PM
Nayanquing Point		Opening day PM and Oct. 26 PM
Pte. Mouillee		Opening day PM and Nov. 3 AM
Shiawassee Federal Goose		Second weekend (Sat. and Sun.)

^e Only parties including youth hunters will be allowed to hunt and only youth will be allowed to shoot on this hunt at Allegan.

Reminder for 2003: See back cover.